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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 2025

CARACAS FOR PRE-ADVANCE TEAM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), BR, US
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: MEETING WITH CARDINAL ARNS

1. RIO AND SAO PAULO PRESS TODAY (MARCH 15) CARRY STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED

TO CARDINAL ARNS IN WHICH HE EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR A MILITARY OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION (20-DAY ARREST) BECAUSE OF RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT GEISEL AND MANNER IN WHICH HE IS CONDUCTING BRAZIL'S AFFAIRS. CASE IS BECOMING HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL, WITH RANKING ELEMENTS OF ARENA, MDB AND INFORMED

OPINION EXPRESSING THEMSELVES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF ISSUE. SHOULD CASE CONTINUE TO MUSHROOM, AND SHOULD CARDINAL ARNS BE DRAWN FURTHER INTO THE CONTROVERSY, HIS NOW SCHEDULED ATTENDANCE AT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER COULD TAKE ON A CONSIDERABLY MORE NEGATIVE CAST IN EYES OF GOB.

2. ACCORDING TO RIO'S JORNAL DO BRASIL, ARNS SAID: "THE IMPRISONMENT OF LT. COL. TARCISIO NUNES FERREIRA DOES NOT DISHONOR HIM, AS HE HAS
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THE SOLIDARITY OF ALL BRAZILIANS, WHICH SHOULD BE A GREAT COMFORM TO HIM AT THIS TIME. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE ARE WITH HIM, AS HIS DECLARATIONS REFLECT THE SENTIMENTS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE NATION". O ESTADO SAO PAULO AND FOLHA DE SAO PAULO CARRY SIMILAR ALTHOUGH NOT IDENTICAL QUOTES.

3. ARNS MADE COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' QUESTION BEFORE

CEREMONY IN WHICH HE WAS INVESTED WITH TITLE OF HONORARY CITIZEN OF
SAO PAULO. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED AT THE TIME BY, AMONG OTHERS,
SENATOR MAGALHAES PINTO AND MDB PRESIDENT ULYSSES GUIMARAES, BOTH OF
WHOME HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR FERREIRA'S VIEWS.

4. FULL REPORT ON CASE IS UNDER PREPARATION.
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